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Mr. Kempton B. Jenkins
Department of State
Washington,
DC 20520.

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S20000004)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Representative Edward Koch forwarded to me a copy of your communication to him regarding the Uruguayan senator, Enrique Erro, now in an Argentine prison. It was at my instance that Mr. Koch solicited the information from you, and I want to express my great gratitude to you for having furnished it. I have been concerned for Senator Erro for some while, as he is a prisoner adopted by the group of Amnesty International, of which I am chairman, and your letter was the first piece of fresh intelligence we have managed to receive. I was much struck by the fact that the Department of State is undecided as to whether Erro was complicit in terrorist activities or not. As you know, I am sure, Amnesty does not adopt prisoners who engaged in violent actions, and Erro's status as a prisoner of conscience is accordingly called in question by your observation. Obviously, I am not seeking to contest that claim, but only to state that if it should come clear that this indeed has been the case with Senator Erro, I shall have to request London to remove his status as that sort of prisoner with whom we are uniquely concerned. Accordingly, I shall be very grateful indeed for any further pertinent information you may receive, which you might either send directly to me, or to Representative Koch, who has taken this matter up.

Meanwhile, my thanks once more for your kindness in the matter.

Yrs. sincerely,

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